# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4902
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EDUSAT
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the status of utilization of the capabilities of the educational Satellite (EduSat) launched in September 2004;

(b) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has spent a crores of rupees in this country, particularly in Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh, in reaching the services of EduSat; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) As per the information furnished by IGNOU the Edusat was launched on September 20, 2004. Joint Committee of Senior Officials of ISRO, user agencies and others were set up. Three meetings with State Education authorities have been held. Purpose of the meetings was to acquaint various stakeholders about capabilities of ISRO for development of systems for creating National and State level networks supported by Edusat. The matter was also discussed in the meeting of Chief Ministers and State Ministers of Education of the North East Region. Status of Edusat supported network is available in the Annexure.

(b) & (c) The Rajiv Gandhi Elementary Education Project launched in November, 2005 on a pilot basis, covered four districts, one each in UP, Bihar, MP and Chhattisgarh and 950 Primary Schools in these districts are being equipped with Satellite interactive terminals. The entire cost of hardware amounting to about Rs. 11.00 crores is being met by ISRO. The Ministry has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 83 lakhs under SSA initiative for establishing studio generating content and meeting other contingencies. IGNOU has spent Rs. 8,84,592/- as its contribution.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred question No. 4902 for reply on 23.5.2006 asked by Shri Bhupendrasinh Solanki, MP

Status of Edusat supported network

A. National network

IGNOU - 133 terminals
NCERT - 79 terminals
UGC - 54 terminals
AICTE - 97 terminals
DST - 18 terminals

B. State network

Kerala - 57 terminals
Rajasthan - 83 terminals
Uttaranchal - 1 terminal
Haryana - 82 terminals
Punjab - 1 terminal
Tamil Nadu - 2 terminals
Gujarat - 511 terminals
Nagaland - 1 terminal
Tripura - 1 terminal
Jammu & Kashmir - 1 terminal

Jharkahand - 3 terminals
Karnataka - 886 terminals

c. National project to support elementary education at grass roots`level.

1000 terminals have been approved by ISRO covering 10 States. Out of these, 675 have already been installed.